



Women's Equality Party Conference

26 November 2022

Motion title: **Reforming Policy Committee**

Amendment title: **Including Scottish and Welsh Representatives on the Reformed Policy Committee**

(N.B. This amendment changes text on p. 2 only. New text is in lilac and underlined.)

Amended motion text:

1 Conference:

- 2 • Notes that Policy Committee elections were paused in 2021
- 3 • Acknowledges that continuing without a fully functional policy team will be detrimental to
- 4 the party
- 5 • Resolves to form a new streamlined policy group.

6 Modify articles 4.4, 4.8.3, 4.11.1, 7.5.9, 8.2:

7 ...~~Policy Committee~~ **Representatives**

8 Modify article 7.1.1:

9 The Leader... is responsible for developing and articulating the Party's vision and strategy in

10 consultation with the Steering Committee, ~~the Policy Committee~~ **Party Conference** and the

11 Executive Committee.

12 Modify article 7.5.10:

13 The Steering Committee shall approve the manifestos and policy proposals ~~by the Policy~~

14 ~~Committee~~ between party conferences

15 Replace article 7.6 with the following:

16 **7.6 Policy Representatives**

17 **7.6.1** There will be ~~six~~eight policy representatives responsible for developing party policy,
18 serving two year terms beginning at Conference:

- 19 i) Four elected by a simple majority vote at Conference;
- 20 ii) One by rolling appointment* from branches that meet all requirements subject to article
21 7.8 below, in discussion with the Steering Committee;
- 22 iii) One by rolling appointment from official party caucuses, in discussion with the Steering
23 Committee.
- 24 iv) One appointed by WE Branches in Scotland, in discussion with the Steering
25 Committee.
- 26 v) One appointed by WE Branches in Wales, in discussion with the Steering Committee.

27 **7.6.2** Policy representatives will develop party policy, in discussion with Central Office, the
28 Steering Committee and the Leader, for approval by conference. Representatives will be
29 required to:

- 30 i) Attend a group induction;
- 31 ii) Attend biannual meetings;
- 32 iii) Work with members, branches and caucuses to support the development of party
33 policy.

34 **7.6.3** Representatives who fail to meet the requirements above for six months, without an
35 exemption agreed by the SC, will be automatically removed.

36 **7.6.4** In the event of mid-term vacancies, policy representatives may be appointed by the
37 SC until the next conference.

38 **7.6.5** Policy Representatives will elect a Chair by a simple majority vote, who shall convene
39 their meetings.
